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1. The Peiping Government is displeased with the Kremlin's buildup of the Berlin Conference, because it appears to them that this conference will be devoted almost entirely to European problems. Molotov has given assurances to Mao that he will bring up the question of calling a five-power conference at the Berlin parleys at the appropriate moment, but he also stated that it was in the interests of both the Russian and the Chinese Communist Governments to renew first diplomatic conversations with the West on the European level.
2. The Chinese Communists do not like the idea of Soviet-American or Soviet-English-French consultations on European affairs again getting under way while the Asian problems remain stalemated. The Chinese Communist Government however hopes that the Kremlin will be able to use the Berlin Conference to arrange five-power talks which would take up the pending Korean issue (calling the Korean peace conference in its present composition), and enlarge the parleys on Korea to include the question of an Indochinese armistice. New offers to the French of negotiations with Ho Chi Minh, sponsored by both the Moscow and Peiping Governments, are expected in New Delhi during the Berlin Conference.

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